

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

TAMMY KITZMILLER, et al., Plaintiffs	:	Case Number: 04-CV-2688
	:	Judge Jones
	:	(Filed electronically)
vs.	:	
	:	
DOVER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT; DOVER	:	MOTION TO QUASH
AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF	:	SUBPOENAS OR FOR
DIRECTORS,	:	PROTECTIVE ORDER
Defendants	:	

MOTION TO QUASH SUBPOENAS OR FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

AND NOW, come Joseph Maldonado, a non-party subpoenaed witness, and Heidi Bernhard-Bubb, a non-party subpoenaed witness, by and through their Attorneys, the **BENNLAWFIRM**, and submit the within Motion to Quash Subpoenas or For Protective Order pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c) and 45(c), and in support thereof aver the following:

1. Joseph Maldonado (“Maldonado”) is an adult individual and an independent contractor correspondent for the York Daily Record, a newspaper of general circulation in and around York County, Pennsylvania, with offices located at 122 South George Street, York, York County, Pennsylvania.
2. Heidi Bernhard-Bubb (“Bernhard-Bubb”) is an adult individual and, at all relevant times hereto, an independent contractor correspondent for The York Dispatch, a newspaper of general circulation in and around York County, Pennsylvania, with offices located at 205 North George Street, York, York County, Pennsylvania.

3. Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb have been served with Subpoenas by counsel for the Plaintiffs in the above captioned case to appear and testify at trial on September 26, 2005 at the Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse, 228 Walnut Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108.
4. The Subpoenas were served by certified mail on counsel for Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb on Tuesday, September 20, 2005.
5. Maldonado wrote articles about the Dover Area School District published in the York Daily Record on June 9, 2004, June 14, 2004 and June 15, 2004, and other dates.
6. Bernhard-Bubb wrote articles about the Dover Area School District published in The York Dispatch on June 8, 2004, June 9, 2004 and June 15, 2004, and other dates.
7. The articles published in June of 2004 and referenced in paragraphs 5 and 6 hereinabove contain statements made by Dover School Board members in connection with the Dover School Board meetings held on or about June 7, 2004 and June 14, 2004.
8. Upon information and belief, Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb have been subpoenaed by Plaintiffs to testify concerning statements made by Dover School Board members at the Dover School Board meetings held open to the public on or about June 7, 2004 and June 14, 2004 and/or to present testimony relative to information contained in their articles published in June of 2004, and matters related thereto.
9. Upon information and belief, all meetings of the Dover School Board on the issue of “intelligent design” were public meetings attended by many members of the public.

10. Many individuals other than Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb attended the June 7, 2004 and June 14, 2004 Dover School Board meetings.
11. Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb have provided Plaintiffs' counsel and Defendants' counsel with Affidavits attesting to the accuracy of their published articles. True and correct copies of the Affidavits of Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb and of their editors have previously been filed with the Court.

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12. Paragraphs 1-11 are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.
13. Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb request that this Honorable Court Quash the Subpoenas as issued, and/or issue a Protective Order, pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 45 (c)(3)(A)(iii) and 26 (c) on the following necessary and compelling grounds:
 - a. The information sought by those issuing the Subpoenas at issue was gathered and received by Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb while engaged in a newsgathering capacity with the intent to disseminate such information to the public;
 - b. The subject matter of the articles in question is a matter of great public interest in the Dover Area School District and other areas;
 - c. Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb assert the Commonwealth and Federal Constitutional privileges afforded news gatherers and any applicable statutory protections and privileges;

- d. Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb are precluded from disclosing any information which is “off the record” and not printed in the published articles in question;
- e. Plaintiffs have failed to establish, and the Subpoenas as issued do not indicate, how the testimony sought is material, relevant and necessary to the instant matter. See Parsons v. Watson, 778 F. Supp. 214 (D. Del. 1991); McMenamin v. Tartaglione, 139 Pa. Commw. 269, 590 A.2d 802 (1991); United States v. Criden, 633 F.2d 346 (3rd Cir. 1980); United States v. Cuthbertson, 630 F.2d 139 (3rd Cir. 1980); Riley v. City of Chester, 612 F.2d 708 (3rd Cir. 1979); United States v. Lopez, 1987 WL 26051 (N.D. Illinois 1987);
- f. Plaintiffs have failed to establish, and the Subpoenas as issued do not indicate, how the testimony sought is crucial to the claims of Plaintiffs. Id.;
- g. Plaintiffs have not made a strong showing, and the Subpoenas as issued do not indicate, that the information sought cannot be obtained by alternative means. Id.;
- h. Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb believe that the information sought from them can be obtained from alternative sources. Id. To the best of Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb’s knowledge, information and belief, members of the general public attended the June 7, 2004 and June 14, 2004 meetings and signed a “sign in sheet” at these meetings. To the best of Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb’s knowledge, information and belief, the names of these individuals, and of the Dover School Board members, would be available to all parties;

- i. The Plaintiffs have made no showing that they have made attempts to get the information sought from sources other than Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb and that those attempts have been exhausted. Id.;
- j. The published newspaper articles in question speak for themselves and Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb have attested to the accuracy of same;
- k. The Plaintiffs have not set forth a demonstrated, specific need for the purported evidence;
- l. Injecting Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb into a legal dispute in this matter will limit Maldonado's and Bernhard-Bubb's future effectiveness, regardless of the limits placed on their testimony, as the fact of testifying may deter sources of information from speaking with Maldonado and/or Bernhard-Bubb in the future, thus depriving the public of news and information on this matter of public importance;
- m. Injecting Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb into a legal dispute in this matter will forever taint them and may preclude them from reporting on this matter again in the future, thereby depriving the public of reports from the most knowledgeable reporters available; and
- n. Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb may not be questioned directly or indirectly as to the identity of any other sources not identified in the articles in question.

- o. In the alternative, should this Court refuse to quash the Subpoenas at issue, the testimony of Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb should be limited solely to verification of what appeared in the published articles.
- 14. Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb's counsel conferred with counsel for the Plaintiffs and counsel for the Defendants on September 15, 2005 and September 21, 2005 relative to outstanding discovery issues involving the non-parties.
- 15. Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb have been unable to resolve the matter directly with Plaintiffs' counsel as of the date of filing of this Motion.

WHEREFORE, Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb respectfully request that this Honorable Court enter an Order quashing the Subpoenas compelling the appearance and testimony of Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb at trial in the within matter; or, in the alternative, issue a protective order limiting the testimony of Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb solely to what was printed in the published articles in issue and barring any questioning of Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb as to any biases, opinions, motivations, mental impressions or other information extrinsic to the published articles in issue, and barring any questioning of Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb as to any sources, discussions, notes, documents or other materials gathered or created as part of their functions and duties in preparation for the published articles in issue.

Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb further respectfully request that the trial testimony of Maldonado and Bernhard-Bubb scheduled for September 26, 2005 be postponed and stayed

pending a decision by Judge Jones and further order of court on the within Motion to Quash or For Protective Order.

Respectfully submitted,
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